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1. AN INFORMATION BUREAU AGAINST NORWEGIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE IEA HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN OSLO TO CAMPAIGN AGAINST RATIFICATION OF NORWAY'S IEA AFFILIATION AGREEMENT. THE BUREAU OCCUPIES THE SAME OFFICE AND HAS THE SAME TELEPHONE NUMBER AS THE ORGANIZATION WHICH LEAD THE SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN AGAINST NORWEGIAN EEC MEMBERSHIP. PARTICIPATION IN THE BUREAU IS ALSO BASICALLY THE SAME AS THE ANTI-EEC GROUP. THE BUREAU HAS REQUESTED 230,000 COPIES OF THE GOVERNMENT'S REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON PARTICIPATION IN THE IEA FOR USE IN ITS CAMPAIGN. THE GOVERN-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MENT HAS ISSUED 75,000 COPIES OF A SPECIAL PRINT-

ING OF THE REPORT AND HAS GIVEN THE GROUP 25,000 COPIES. (AS NOTED IN OSLO 1109 THE REPORT CONTAINS THE FULL SIX PARAGRAPH STATEMENT NORWAY CLAIMS IT MADE REGARDING ITS PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT.)

- 2. THE GOVERNMENT IS HOPEFUL THAT PARLIAMENT WILL CONSIDER NORWEGIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE IEA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND BEFORE THE ANTI-PARTICIPATION CAMPAIGN GAINS MOMENTUM. ALTHOUGH NO OFFICIAL DATE HAS BEEN SET BY PARLIAMENT, IT IS ANTICIPATED THE ISSUE WILL BE TAKEN UP IN EARLY APRIL SHORTLY AFTER THE EASTER RECESS.
- 3. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS DO NOT BELIEVE THE ANTI-IEA CAMPAIGN REPRESENTS A SERIOUS THREAT TO NORWEGIAN PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT WISHES TO AVOID ANYTHING WHICH WOULD ROCK THE BOAT, RE-OPEN THE TERMS OF PARTICIPATION, OR INCREASE THE POSSIBILITY OF A REOCCURRENCE OF THE KIND OF CONTROVERSY WHICH TOOK PLACE OVER EEC MEMBERSHIP. BYRNE

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